



CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE January 1, 2013

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

No update at this time.

FFA

No update at this time.

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Business Education

No update at this time.

Business Professionals of America

No update at this time.

Montana DECA

Montana DECA is nearing our 2013 State Conference, which will be held in Helena at the Red Lion Colonial Inn, February 3-5. Students will have the opportunity to compete in individual and team role plays, entrepreneurship, marketing, hospitality, sports marketing and finance events.

Kenzie Lombardi, from Sentinel High School, won the 2013 State Conference Program Cover Contest and Kelly Seitz, from Big Sky High School, won the 2013 ICDC Pin Design Contest. Both students will receive \$50 in prize money for their winning submissions.

DECA students are encouraged to apply for scholarships through DECA, Inc. There are multiple scholarships available, all merit based, worth over \$300,000. Students should apply online by visiting www.deca.org/scholarships. Winners will be presented with their scholarships at ICDC in Anaheim, CA in April.

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

No update at this time.

Montana FCCLA

No update at this time.

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Health Sciences Education

Did you know that our regional Area Health Education Centers(AHEC) offer Health science "Curriculum in a Box" for grades 4 through 8? These boxes are shipped free of charge to your schools and contain all the materials you need for 5 different lessons. These boxes are intended to stimulate curiosity and interest in health careers. Brain, Eye, Ear, Bones & Muscles, and Guts in a Box are hands-on learning experiences. If you are interested in ordering a box for your classroom, please contact Renee at the email address below and your request will be sent to the appropriate regional AHEC office. Two more boxes are in development to stress the importance of nutrition and oral health.

Health Science teachers across the state have already embedded the CTE Common Core into their foundation standards, and we are currently working on embedding English, Math and Science standards. This will be a focus of work throughout the spring semester.

CTE is also actively involved in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Initiative that is being developed through OPI. A task force of over 55 participants represent elementary, middle, high school, 2 year colleges, universities, government, business and industry. There are overarching goals that have broken into sub-groups in order to delegate tasks. This is the most pertinent goal for CTE programs:

- Increase the percentage of K-12 students who demonstrate college and career-readiness in STEM fields (STEM-related curriculum, STEM programs of study)

As the STEM Initiative moves forward with implementation, that information will be shared through our monthly updates.

Montana HOSA



HOSA State Leadership Conference

The Montana HOSA State Leadership Conference will take place March 21 – 23 at the Best Western Heritage Inn and Benefis Health System in Great Falls. We are busy preparing for the conference which will include educational workshops such as Mercy Flight, Laboratory, Sports Medicine, Intensive Care Nursery, Dialysis, Business Intelligence, Surgical Technician, and many more! Students will compete in over 30 health science competitive events and have the chance to qualify to attend the National Conference later this year.

Current Membership

HOSA membership drives are in full swing across the state! Currently we have 231 members in 17 chapters located at Anaconda, Augusta, Beaverhead County, Belgrade, Billings Career Center, Bozeman, Butte, CMR,



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Columbia Falls, Cut Bank, Great Falls High, Harlowton, Helena High, Noxon, Ronan, Sentinel, and Whitefish.
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Industrial, Trades and Technology Education

No update at this time.

SkillsUSA

Barry Wulf, former SkillsUSA (VICA) State and National Officer, served as a featured keynote speaker at the recent SkillsUSA Washington Leadership Training Institute, which is held each fall in Washington D.C. Barry is the son of former Montana State Association Director, Jeff Wulf.

The MSU-Northern SkillsUSA Club recently built twenty (20) picnic tables for Beaver Creek Park, constructed several shelters for the local trap shooting club, and completed a construction project for the local Food Bank, which was funded through a competitive grant through Lowes.

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